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# MEETING NOTES

**Date:** June 27, 2005,  
Finalized September 13, 2005

**Date of Meeting:** April 11, 2005

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Location:** Waverly Branch, Enoch Pratt Free Library

**Subject:** Information Meeting No. 2  
Baltimore City Sanitary Contract No. 800:  
New Jones Falls Force Main and Pressure Sewer

**Attendees:** Pamela Wilson, Resident, Peabody Heights Homeowners Alliance  
Christian Wilson, Resident, Portlight Inc.  
Joan Floyd, Remington Neighborhood Alliance, Inc.  
W. B. Morrison, Resident (Future)  
Wesley Tolbert, CUCBD  
Preston Moon, Resident  
Dennis Byrne, Wyman Park Association  
Sharon Price, Resident  
John Lansing, Resident  
Francis S. Rubin, Resident  
Tim Rule, Resident, Remington Neighborhood Alliance, Inc.  
James Wieland, Resident  
Gary Wyatt, Baltimore City Department of Public Works  
Wazir Qadri, Baltimore City Department of Public Works  
Samuel Edoror, Baltimore City Department of Public Works  
Gary Letteron, Baltimore City Department of Planning  
Tiffany James, Mayor's Office  
Jeremy Rosendale, Mary Pat Clarke's Office  
John Maynes, Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP  
Luther Bathurst, Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP  
Christopher Thomson, Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP

The City of Baltimore Department of Public Works hosted the second information meeting for Sanitary Contract No. 800 – New Jones Falls Force Main and Pressure Sewer to update the residents and business owners adjacent to the project alignment. Representatives from the City and the project's consultant, Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP, were on hand to describe the project and answer questions from the public. Following is a summary of the topics discussed.

City representatives opened the meeting with introductions and a brief overview of the project. The meeting began with a review of some of the project background provided at the first information meeting in July of 2004. Sanitary Contract No. 800 is one of several projects the City is undertaking to improve its wastewater collection and conveyance systems as part of the Consent Decree signed with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Additionally, since the first information meeting, a Stony Run Pumping Station interconnection at Huntingdon Avenue and 29<sup>th</sup> Street was added by the City. To accommodate the additional capacity from the Stony Run interconnection, the diameter of the S.C. 800 pipe from that intersection to Broadway and North Avenue was increased from 48-inch to 54-inch.

Several construction-related issues were then discussed. Where S.C. 800 construction interferes with existing water services or where existing water lines will be relocated, the Contractor will be required to provide temporary water service to customers. Temporary water service will be provided in a manner similar to that performed under water main rehabilitation projects; temporary piping will be laid on the ground to connect consumers' homes by means of their water meters. When construction is complete in a given area, permanent service will be restored.

In certain areas where gas service lines to homes and businesses are dense and cross the pipeline trench, the City has coordinated with BGE to have BGE install parallel gas mains on the opposite side of the street prior to the construction of S.C. 800. Houses and businesses on the same side as the new main will have their services connected to the new main, leaving the area between the two gas mains free of any active gas service lines. The S.C. 800 Contractor can then construct the pipeline without disruption to existing gas services.

Along the length of the project, pedestrian and vehicular access will be required to be maintained to all homes and businesses.

Project scheduling was also discussed. By EPA Consent Decree, the project is scheduled to be advertised in June 2005, with practical completion required by June 30, 2007. In order to meet this schedule, the City anticipates giving the Contractor Notice to Proceed in September 2005. It is expected that the Contractor will employ multiple crews at separate locations to meet the Consent Decree schedule. The first and last phases of work will occur in the vicinity of the Jones Falls Pumping Station at Clipper Mill Road and Ash Street, with the time between spent on constructing the remainder of the project.

Several citizens voiced concerns about the potential for damage to properties along the project route. The City stated that it was considering a pre-construction survey to serve as a record of existing conditions.

Concerns were also voiced regarding the potential for construction vehicles to be driven on medians, walkways, grassy areas, and private property resulting in damage. The City and WR&A noted that the Contractor is limited to the working limits shown on the drawings. If the Contractor violates those limits, he is required by contract to repair and/or replace any damage at his own cost.

Citizens requested clarification on who they could contact during construction regarding Contractor conduct and personal property protection. The City advised the citizens that contact information would be provided at a pre-construction meeting by the City's Construction Management Division.

Information regarding road restoration and paving following the pipeline construction was requested. WR&A stated that most of the project's roadways were being restored with the City's standard trench

repair details. In areas where multiple utilities are being constructed and/or relocated, or where BGE is installing parallel gas mains, paving would be extended to cover the entire affected lane or curb-to-curb in those particular roadways.

A citizen asked why the project was not designed for 28<sup>th</sup> Street. WR&A stated that the City considered 28<sup>th</sup> Street under a previous alignment study and that the 28<sup>th</sup> Street alternative was eliminated due to existing utility congestion.

The City was asked if project information would be made available on-line. The City stated that there were no current plans for information to be published online.

Citizens asked how long construction would take to complete in a typical block. WR&A estimated that a typical block would require approximately 2-3 weeks of construction.

Information regarding night-time construction was requested. WR&A stated that several intersections were to be completed at night to allow traffic flow to be maintained.

Citizens asked about emergency vehicles' access to their homes and businesses. WR&A responded that the contract documents require access to homes and businesses be maintained.

At the conclusion of the meeting, citizens asked how they might provide additional input to the contract documents. The City stated that any requests should be made in writing by May 1, 2005, to allow the City time to consider the requests and modify the contract documents if deemed appropriate.

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